

**SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF
INFORMATION RETRIEVAL-TYPE TASKS BY
IDENTIFYING THE RELATIONS OF CONSTITUENTS**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system is utilized for determining a relationship between first and second textual inputs. The system identifies constituents in the first textual input, having predetermined characteristics indicative of usefulness in determining the relationship. The relationship is then determined based on the constituents identified. The constituents can be eliminated from the first textual input, weighted in the first textual input, or simply annotated in one of a variety of ways.

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